

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AUTHENTICATING COMPONENTS IN WIRELESS HOME ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Configuration information is exchanged between a home entertainment system server and various wireless components using a secondary link (such as IR, near field, or removable memory media) that is out-of-band with the primary wireless link of the network, to reduce the chances of an unauthorized device gaining entry to the network. Alternatively, the configuration information can be exchanged over the primary link and the received signal analyzed to determine whether the transmitter of the configuration information is within LOS or otherwise within the home or radius that indicates that it is not likely to be an unauthorized device.